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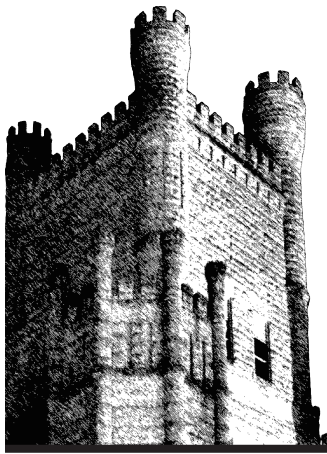
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## STUDENT SENATE

# Members violate Open Meetings Act by forcing out public

BY LAUREN MOORE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Eastern Student Government, an organization devoted to serving its students, violated the Illinois Open Meetings Act last night.

The meeting went into what the senate called an “executive session” to discuss matters that should be open to the public.

Cole Rogers, student relations chair, said after the meeting that for reasons relating to the Big Red Dot campaign, senate voted and decided to go into a closed session.

“There seemed to be confusion about things (related to the campaign),” Rogers said.

Rogers said the senate could go into closed session over personnel issues or

judgments regarding a committee. He also said the senate could not vote on anything while in the closed session.

Mark Bates, co-chair of the Tuition and Fee Review committee, said the reasons for going into closed session weren’t related to personnel issues.

“We’re talking about a program that would reach out to the students and yet we’re closing them off,” Bates said. “It was just ridiculous.”

In the closed session, senate discussed whether they should start the Big Red Dot campaign this week or next week. Bates said the meeting was not as productive as he thought it would be.

“It’s just a big waste of time,” Bates said. “I’m told it’s not a violation, but you know what, maybe it should be.”

James Tidwell, journalism depart-



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**Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson, Senate Parliamentarian Tori Frazier and Student Body President Ryan Berger tally the votes to go in to executive session taken during the Student Senate meeting Wednesday evening in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.**

ment chair and author of “Media Law in Illinois: A Reporter’s Handbook,” said the senate’s actions were in disagreement with the Open Meetings Act.

“If they discussed the Big Red Dot campaign, then that should have been information open to the public,” Tidwell said.

In other matters, senate voted and passed the allocation of \$6,000 to the

Student Government for supplies and professions services during Unity Week, March 20-25.

Keila Lacy, student vice president of Student Affairs, and senate member Austen Williams organized a PowerPoint presentation to inform members of where the money would go if the item passed.

Senate passed the allocation of money for the purchase of a new type-

writer for the account technician, and for the purchase of food for an upcoming Apportionment Board meeting.

An item for new shuttle bus maps to be created and placed around campus passed as well.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Practicing perfection

## Contestant prepares for Miss Black EIU pageant

BY MEAGAN MORGAN  
STAFF REPORTER

Dim lights. She walks onto the stage. Center, stop. Front, stop.

Near tears, Jennifer Cooper lets the small audience know how she feels about the effects of drug abuse on families.

Cooper, a junior family and consumer sciences major, is one of five Miss Black EIU contestants participating in this year’s Black Student Union-sponsored pageant.

Cooper will walk the T-shaped stage at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union after several nights of practice.

Cooper, a 20-year-old South Side Chicago native, joined the lineup after attending last year’s pageant in awe, she said.

“I loved what I saw,” Cooper said.

“It’s not about how good you look in a swimsuit.”

The pageant focused more on the inside than the outside, and how intelligent or talented each participant is, she said.

A group of supporters form a team that cheer Cooper on, help prepare her for competition and perform with her, including Stephanie Johnson, a junior journalism major; April Salter, a senior



athletic training major; Candace Pettis, a senior communication studies major and Shanta McKay, a senior social sciences major.

The contestants will open the show with a choreographed introduction dance.

During practice, Cooper danced with a smile on her face. She giggled when she made a mistake, and then immediately jumped back in.

Jennifer Ether, a junior journalism major and pageant director, led the participants through a steady, peaceful African dance to the music of Beyoncé’s “Wishing on a Star,” the theme of the pageant.

“Pose five, pose six, pose seven, pose eight, pose one,” Ether said, helping the contestants hit their



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Jennifer Cooper, a junior family and consumer science major, recites a speech on the effects of cocaine addiction during practice for Miss Black EIU Wednesday evening in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.**

**“I loved what I saw. It’s not about how good you look in a swimsuit.”**

JENNIFER COOPER, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES MAJOR

ILLUSTRATION BY EVAN HILL/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

final positions at the front of the main stage before starting the entire process over.

Cooper joked with another contestant and began to “vogue,” deciding which pose she wanted to use, then dutifully walked back to the line to start the dance again.

The girls practiced for African Garment, a portion of the competition where the contestants present themselves in homemade African-style clothing.

The music began, and three dancers honored Cooper, who was playing an African queen.

She rose from her throne, surrounded by unlit candles.

As she walked slowly downstage, “Coach” Pettis demonstrated several arm and hand poses for her to try.

Cooper’s speech could be heard over the sound system, with rhythmic African beats in the background.

She continued to the front of the

T-stage – pose, turn, turn, pose – then side stepped to the right – repeat – and again to the left – repeat.

She made her way back to the center, as Pettis and Ether walked her every step of the way.

Slowly, Cooper moved backward, arms moving gracefully, and looked at the area where the judges will sit during the competition.





KYLE MAYHUGH  
SENIOR  
JOURNALISM MAJOR

“The big red dot is stupid.”

Sometimes, it seems like no one has the guts to stand up and say an idea is stupid. I'm going to have to do that now ... Student Government is a government of people who like being on government, by people who like being on government, and for people who like being on government.



HOLLY HENSCHEN  
POLITICAL SCIENCE  
GRADUATE STUDENT

“... it should be understood that not every one ‘abuses drugs.’”

A scraggley guy at a music festival once exposed me to DMT. Sitting cross-legged on the ground between our tents, with hippies scampering to and fro, he attested,  
"It's a chemical that's released naturally in your body only two times in your life. When you're born and when you die."

WTF?

Attempted theft of sheep fails

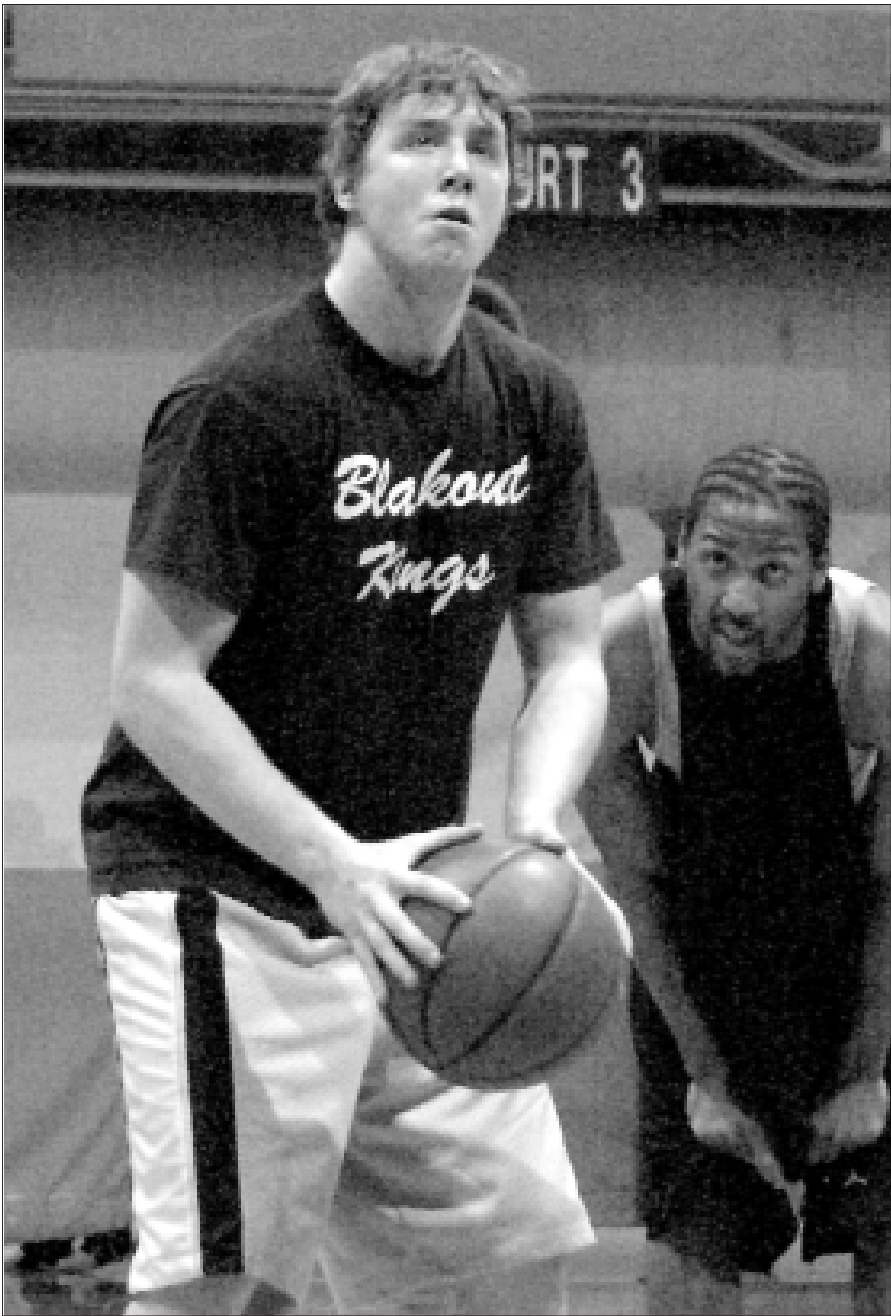
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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – A homeless man who police say tried to take a sheep from the Little Rock Zoo has been arrested on numerous charges. A security guard at the zoo called police Tuesday evening after spotting a man carrying a trash can with a sheep in it, a police report said.  
When officers arrived Grady Allen Carnahan, 32, told them he was a doctor and the sheep was sick. He said he was taking the animal to a veterinary clinic, the report said.  
Carnahan fought with officers as they were trying to take him into custody, police said.  
He was arrested on a felony charge of violating an animal facility and on misdemeanor charges of criminal trespass, cruelty to animals, resisting arrest, and theft of property.  
The animal was returned to its pen at the zoo.

Man gets three years for stealing wedding car

SAN MATEO, Calif. – A man accused of carjacking a newlywed couple with the bride in her wedding dress still in the vehicle was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading no contest to charges Tuesday.  
Authorities said Steve Almanza and Valerie Zahn stopped by a Taco Bell for a snack after their wedding Oct. 29, and Almanza ran inside while Zahn stayed in the car with the engine still running.  
Ticas-Soto, who was unarmed, got into the driver's seat and drove off with Zahn still inside, authorities said. She jumped out, and Ticas-Soto continued driving into a Taco Bell sign in the parking lot.  
Zahn was uninjured in the incident.

PAUSE AND SHOOT



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ryan Corliss, a sophomore health studies major, gets set for a free throw during an intramural basketball game Wednesday night in the Student Recreation Center. His team, the Blackout Kings, was defeated by OVC Champs 49-44. Check [www.DENnews.com](http://www.DENnews.com) for

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COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Cancer death rate drops

BY GUADALUPE ROSALES  
THE DAILY VIDETTE (ILLINOIS STATE U.)

NORMAL – The American Cancer Society released a report Feb. 9 stating the rate of cancer deaths in the United States had dropped for the first time since nation-wide data was first collected in 1930. The ACS "Cancer Facts and Figures" reported 369 fewer cancer-related deaths from 2002 to 2003. Data for 2004 and 2005 have not yet been released.  
While the rates have increased from year to year, they are only increasing mildly. In McLean County, Ill., these deaths rose from 368 in 2002 to 375 in 2003, but only rose to 378 in 2004. The decrease in cancer death rates is caused by many different factors, according to Elise Oaks, a health initiative representative for the American Cancer Society.  
"Because of early detection and screenings, treatment is outpacing the growing population," she said.  
According to Cynthia Schuster, a registered nurse for the Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois, treatment methods have improved along with catching cancer earlier, therefore preventing more deaths.

Playboy looks to Myspace.com to round up 'bunny' hopefuls

BY MARY BETH LEHMAN  
DAILY NEWS (BALL STATE U.)

MUNCIE, Ind. – "MySpace or yours?" Although it may seem like a cheesy pickup line, it is actually the tagline Playboy is using for its newest campaign: The search for the girls of MySpace.  
The company is hoping to tap into the viable college-aged community presented within the popular Web community. And with membership on MySpace always growing, Playboy executives hope the campaign will be a good way to build familiarity with the Playboy brand, as well as cast new women into Playboy's publications.  
Michael Sprouse is the senior vice president of marketing for Playboy Entertainment Group. He said reaching the college community is definitely one of Playboy's goals for entering the MySpace community.  
"Absolutely one of the big goals for us in this is to reach out to the college-aged kids," Sprouse said.

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**SCOLA, a television program provided on channel 14 in the residence halls and across campus, offers students news from more than 80 different countries.**

## TV station offers international news

BY SARA DEMARTINO  
STAFF REPORTER

Students on campus have the opportunity to receive free news from more than 80 countries on their televisions.

SCOLA is a satellite broadcast station that broadcasts on channel 14, which is offered in all residence halls and on-campus housing.

“It’s important for young people to look around and see what’s going on,” said John Millar, vice president of SCOLA. “It helps if you understand the language; SCOLA opens up many different doors for young students.”

Every half hour, the program changes from one countries’ news to another and has been used in classroom settings in numerous classes on campus.

“SCOLA offers the ability to view the news in other countries and to see what the news commentator’s value culturally,” said Sue Songer, an international student adviser.

Students who are planning to

study abroad or deal with international relations could benefit from the program, Millar said.

“Students should watch news from other countries to see where they might go and the countries they could be doing business with,” Millar said. “Also, diplomats often watch international news to lessen culture shock.”

There will be a meeting today that will discuss SCOLA’s importance and value on campus.

Stephen Canfield, a French professor, said he will discuss ways in which he has used the program in his classes and suggest ways to use it in other classrooms as well.

“SCOLA offers up-to-date, specific news,” Canfield said. “It’s authentic; it’s just like watching American daily news here, but instead you’re watching foreign countries’ daily news.”

Songer said she will also discuss the importance of SCOLA for international students especially to receive it in classroom settings.

“SCOLA’s mission is to help the

people of the world learn more about language, culture, and their ideology through the use of modern technology,” Millar said.

But students don’t need to know another language to watch the program.

“The French segments are nice because they have subtitles,” Canfield said. “Students, even if they’re not great with the language, can still follow along and understand it.”

Songer, another presenter for the event, said she hopes that people will be more informed about what SCOLA is and how to locate it.

The meeting for “SCOLA: Watching the World” will be at 2:30 p.m. today in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Songer said this forum is most likely to draw students, especially international students, faculty and people involved in international programs.

For more information on SCOLA programs, visit [www.scola.org](http://www.scola.org).

## CHS seniors admitted to Eastern get surprise

BY SARA RANNELLS  
STAFF REPORTER

The office of admissions began a new Prize Patrol program congratulating local high school seniors recently admitted to Eastern.

Charleston High School seniors admitted to Eastern received prize packages including personalized signs for their front yard and an Eastern backpack, water bottle and T-shirt from the Prize Patrol.

“We are trying to make more of an effort to bridge the gap between Eastern and the Charleston community,” said Sarah Heise, an Eastern admissions counselor who covers Charleston High School and central Illinois.

The Prize Patrol is a pilot project created by Brenda Major, the director of admissions at Eastern, as a way to get local students more interested in coming to Eastern.

The Prize Patrol visited 42 Charleston High School seniors’ homes Feb. 14 between 5 and 7 a.m. to drop off the personalized yard signs and prizes.

Mike Peterlich, a Charleston High School senior, said he was surprised to see the yard signs and really enjoyed the backpack full of prizes.

“I saw all these signs outside,” he said. “I thought something really big had happened.”

The students’ parents were contacted beforehand to get permission for the signs, but kept the upcoming visit a secret for their student.

Peterlich said he has not made up his mind yet on which college he will be attending, but he said Eastern has moved up on his list after receiving the surprise package.



GRAPHIC DESIGNED BY ERIC HILTNER  
**Eastern’s Prize Patrol gave admitted CHS seniors a special visit this week.**

“I have a few different options, but I’m definitely considering Eastern,” he said.

The Prize Patrol consists of 20 student volunteers led by staff members and graduate assistants from the office of admissions and the office of orientation.

The yard signs, pre-made by the university, were personalized to each high school student displaying their name and any activities they are involved in at their school, such as “Honor Student” or “Baseball Player.”

She said the Prize Patrol is making several more visits to students’ homes as more of them are accepted to Eastern.

“We’re receiving a lot of applications,” she said.

Heise said the next trip will take place in four to six weeks and more will follow until they have visited every Charleston High School student admitted for next fall.

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### COMMENTARY



**DAVID THILL**  
VERGE EDITOR

## OUR NATION'S FUTURE, UP IN SMOKE

Most people reflect back on their time as a 14-year-old with great fondness and memories filled with teen-angst and all-too-awkward moments.

However, as of November 2003 statistics from the American Lung Association show, many of those memories may be clouded by smoke. According to the statistics, in 2003 at least 4.5 million U.S. children under the age of 18 are cigarette smokers.

In fact, the first time a cigarette ever tainted my lungs was at the tender age of 14 (Sorry, Mom and Dad). As I recall, I just about coughed up every single capillary in my little, pink lungs.

Fast-forward to the age of 20 and my black-as-night lungs have just about had it. By my calculations, and I DID do some calculating on this one, in the year and a half that I have smoked habitually I have bought more than 450 packs (mostly Camel Lights), smoked more than 8,900 cigarettes and spent a whopping \$1,869 in doing so.

The point is that children, at younger and younger ages, are smoking more and more. The other day I was driving around and what did I spy with my little eye but a child no more than 12 smoking. And by the looks of it, I think he was smoking a Marlboro Red. For those of you non-smokers, a Marlboro Red (also known as 'Cowboy Killers' to those in the know) is just about the strongest cigarette this side of non-filtered cigarettes you can get.

This sight bothered me a lot.

This child has not even allowed his lungs to fully develop before he is killing them. I mean, that is like a quarterback snapping the ball to himself before his offensive line has even taken the field.

The American Lung Association Web site also stated that approximately 90 percent of smokers begin before the age of 21, the overall prevalence of cigarette use in high schools is 28 percent and if the current trends in smoking continue, an estimated 6.4 million adolescents will die prematurely from a smoking-related disease.

Have we gotten this sad as a nation that we have so little control over our children that they not only want to but also can seemingly get away with smoking at increasingly young ages?

Have we become such a degenerate society of low-life, carcinogen-consuming cancer babies that children not only feel compelled to but feel the need to smoke as soon as possible?

Our nations' childhood and innocence is being burnt away one drag at a time and it seems like no one wants to do anything about it other than the naive folks at the thetruth.com campaign.

I really don't have much room to talk other than the fact that I have spotted the error of my ways. Just like any other smokers who have just about had their fill of waking up in the morning, feeling like a heaping pile of death only to roll right over and light up another one, I wish I had never began in the first place.

I have made the decision to quit smoking, and as I sit here writing this, it has been 19 hours since my last cigarette. This may not sound like much to a non-smoker but why don't you ask a pack-a-day smoker how long it has been since their last smoke and they will probably tell you a much smaller number.

I am by no means innocent of these offenses I have so vehemently spewed about for the last 500-some-odd words, but I just don't want to see one more pre-teen make the same mistakes I did.

Let's find a way to keep kids from lighting up in the first place. Parents do some actual parenting and children don't be in any hurry to kill yourselves. Trust me, there is no pride in being 20 years old and wheezing and coughing after jogging up two flights of stairs. Trust me.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID PENNELL



### EDITORIAL

## Rec security cameras will help

The question of privacy invasion that has recently come up at Eastern because of the security system cameras scheduled to be installed in the Student Recreation Center is an understandable concern but an unfounded one.

By the fall semester, the SRC should have a new security system that includes cameras monitoring students' possessions while they work out. Ken Baker, director of student recreation, said the system is part of the campus-wide move to increase safety and security at Eastern.

It's understandable that students would be concerned with their privacy, especially in an exercise area. However, the cameras are not meant to monitor students while they work out, but rather to watch the areas where they leave their things. Furthermore, the alternative to security cameras is another theft like the one last year. Although it is entirely possible to experience theft without the security cameras, they make catching the offender and returning stolen property much more likely.

Students who raise concerns about privacy should seriously consider these things. What problem does a camera pose to privacy when it is intended to focus on belongings in lockers and shelves? Would these students rather have their things

#### At issue

The new security system to be installed at the Student Recreation Center.

#### Our stance

While some students might feel like their privacy is being invaded, the main purpose of the security cameras is to guard the belongings of those using the SRC's facilities. It's a good idea and will be beneficial in the long run.

stolen by unidentifiable persons?

When thought of rationally, the choice is obvious. Eastern already had plans to upgrade security across campus before the SRC thefts last year. Will students object to cameras in academic buildings to protect expensive equipment like the projector stolen from Coleman Hall earlier this week if the administration sees fit to install those, too?

As Baker said, the tapes from the security cameras in the SRC and on its courts will not be used for entertainment or distribution of any kind. The cameras are for students' own good. The tapes will only be viewed if a problem arises, and even then the tapes will be viewed by those who are central in solving the crime.

To object to such a measure that is intended to better students' experience and increase their safety at Eastern is ridiculous. Students may not be thrilled about being taped in their workout wear while putting their things away in storage in the SRC, but they should realize the security measures have nothing but admirable intentions.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

### COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

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# Four EU alumni receive honorary degrees this spring

By KARA CLAY  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Former Eastern students Patrick Coburn, Springfield; William Edward Phipps, Malibu, Calif.; Jeffery Scott, Richmond Hills, Ga. and Charles Jacob Younger, Findlay, Ohio, will receive honorary degrees this spring.

Honorary degrees are awarded to past Eastern students who have achieved major distinction in areas such as education, public service, business and many other areas.

Coburn, who studied journalism at Eastern, began his career at the State Journal-Register in Springfield in 1966. He has worked as a reporter, copy editor, city editor, as well as managing editor, and has been the publisher of the State Journal-Register since 1997.

He is also the vice president of Copley Press Inc., which donated \$1 million to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation in Coburn's name last year.

He won the Associated Press' Lincoln League of Journalists Award in 2001.

In 2003, he was inducted into the Eastern Journalism Department Alumni Hall of Fame.

Coburn developed the "Friend in Need" program, which helps the needy in Springfield, from one that was run inside the newsroom to a community-wide program.

"(The degree) is a wonderful honor," Coburn said. "I am looking forward to returning to our-

pus. I will definitely be there for commencement, and I might even have a few words to say."

Phipps will also receive an honorary degree. In his first year at Eastern in 1999, he was elected freshman class president and was a cheerleader.

He left the university early to pursue a career in Hollywood. After serving in the military during World War II, Phipps acted in more than 130 television shows, 60 movies and many commercials.

During his career, he acted alongside Humphrey Bogart and Marlon Brando, among others.

He appeared in movies such as "The War of the Worlds" and "Julius Caesar" and in television shows such as "Batman" and "The Twilight Zone." He was also the voice of Prince Charming in Walt Disney's "Cinderella."

In 2005, Phipps was the subject of a film festival in Charleston.

Another honorary degree recipient is Jeffery Scott.

Scott graduated from Eastern in 1968 from the school of business, and went on to serve in the U.S. Army.

After the Army, he began working in financial services and recently retired after three decades in the financial services industry.

Scott was listed in "Who's Who in Finance and Industry," is a contributing author of "21st Century Wealth" and is involved in many professional organizations.

In 1990, he was the recipient of the Lumpkin

College of Business and Applied Sciences Distinguished Business Alumni award. He was an executive-in-residence for Eastern's management and marketing department and has been on the Lumpkin College of Business advisory board.

In 1995, he won the EU Distinguished Alumni Award and is currently a member of the Eastern Foundation Board of Directors.

He has also served as a chairman for Child Help Virginia, which helps abused and neglected children.

Charles Jacob Younger is the fourth recipient of the honorary degree this year.

While at Eastern, he was a student body president and member of the baseball team. He graduated in 1954 with a degree in physics.

He was in the U.S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps until 1956 and then began work with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

In 1967, he joined the Continental Cablevision Inc. and eventually became the executive vice president, where he was responsible for operations in eight states.

In 1997, he received an honorary doctorate degree from Findlay (Ohio) University where he had served as a chair.

Younger has received the Brumley & Nancy Neil Philanthropy Award for an Outstanding Private Foundation.

Eastern's Board of Trustees approved the recipients of these honorary degrees at their meeting Feb. 10.

# Student Government proposes \$14,000 budget

By ADAM HOWELL  
STUDENT REPORTER

The Student Government asked the Appointment Board Thursday for an increase of \$14,043.40 to its budget

for the fiscal year of 2007.

Student Body President Ryan Berger and student executive Vice President Andrew Berger made the presentation to AB, which will provide extra funding for programs such as First Night,

the Student Action Team and the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee delegate travel.

Ryan Berger said many student governments require funding that has not been available in the past.

"It has been under budgeted for many years," he said. "One of my goals is to get First Night into the budget because of the success we had last year."

Requests for First Night funding

come from extra costs associated with purchasing promotional items, supplies and election costs. Funds were previously acquired through donations and an additional allocation of \$1,300 in fall 2005.

Ryan Berger said the budget would prevent the organization for returning for additional money.

Several members had questions and concerns with the funding of SAT and IBHE-SAC delegate travel.

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# STATE *Daily Illini* newsroom split over cartoons

"We wanted to inform our readers of a story that had violence spawned by imagery," Prochaska said. "We felt they wouldn't be adequately informed if they couldn't see the imagery that

"When it gets to this point that staff members are so unhappy that they want an editor suspended, it is a reflection of some problems within the staff that probably go beyond the particular incident that prompted it," Goodman said.

- Information complied by Tom Stevens, staff reporter for The Daily Eastern News

# Selected student to shoot free throw for free tuition

Other games like lay-up races, Hollywood Squares, a Hot Shot free-throw game and a paper airplane toss will

**“That’s definitely worth going to the game.”**

**JOHN DUNN, JUNIOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJOR**

"It will be fun to watch, and I'll be pulling for whoever gets a chance to make the shot," said Chris Sodergren-Baar, a junior political science major.



### Miss Black EIU Weekend Events

Friday, February 24th  
Family Appreciation Dinner  
University Ballroom 7pm

Saturday, February 25th  
Family Bowling Night  
Lower Level MLK Jr. Union 1-3pm

Saturday, February 25th  
Miss Black EIU Pageant  
Grand Ballroom 7pm

Sunday, February 26th  
Church Service and Sunday Brunch  
Immanuel Church 1:30pm (Brunch Following Service)

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### Ticket Prices

\$15 includes Dinner, Bowling, and Brunch (in advance only)

\$10 Pageant and Dance (in advance)

\$12 Pageant and Dance (at door)

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# Illinois governor’s election could shape state’s death penalty debate

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois governor’s race could determine whether the state returns to executing its most heinous criminals, more than six years after then-Gov. George Ryan imposed a moratorium on capital punishment and cleared death row.

Incumbent Democrat Rod Blagojevich says he would continue the moratorium if re-elected. But two GOP candidates say they would resume executions and two more are leaning that way.

Death penalty experts agree the country is watching Illinois, but what happens here likely will be more symbolic than having a practical effect on the national debate.

“The death penalty is so multi-

faceted now, politicians have to be cautious,” said Richard Dieter, director of the Washington, D.C.-based Death Penalty Information Center. “To go out there and say, The death penalty has no problems, we should get on with these executions,’ you’re going to be challenged not just by the ACLU but by main-line people who say, What about those cases where we got the wrong person?”

All eyes have been on Illinois since January 2000 when Ryan halted executions after 13 people condemned to death were found to have been wrongfully convicted. Ryan assigned a commission to study a system “haunted by the demon of error” and recommend changes. He emptied death row days before leaving office in January

2003, pardoning four men and commuting to life in prison the sentences of 167 others.

That fall, lawmakers agreed on a plan that, among other things, makes it easier for murder defendants to get access to favorable evidence, including DNA; gives judges unprecedented power to set aside sentences they feel are unjust; and prohibits executing the mentally retarded.

Blagojevich says he supports the death penalty but has refused to lift the moratorium.

“The death penalty should exist in Illinois, but only when we are confident the system once again works,” Blagojevich said in response to an Associated Press questionnaire.

Some Republican challengers say

that time has come.

“A governor has the power to stay executions or commute sentences on a case-by-case basis, not to issue a blanket moratorium,” Bloomington state Sen. Bill Brady said in answer to the questionnaire. “We have put in place the safeguards necessary to protect innocent men and women from being executed.”

Judy Baar Topinka, the state treasurer, agreed executions should resume.

Businessmen Ron Gidwitz and Jim Oberweis, however, were not so direct, saying they would lift the moratorium only if they were confident the reforms are working.

Rob Warden, director of

Northwestern University’s Center on Wrongful Convictions, questioned how a governor could be sure the reforms have succeeded. The 2003 legislation created a committee to study the new safeguards and gave it five years to report to the General Assembly on its findings.

Warden also said Illinois’ moratorium is irrelevant during the next several four-year gubernatorial terms because the handful of people condemned to death row after Ryan’s mass commutation don’t face execution any time soon.

“It will take years for those cases to wind their way through the system ... so it doesn’t really mean anything,” Warden said.

## PAGEANT:

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### Women practice for Miss Black EIU

She stopped just at the beginning of the catwalk with her proud pose and confident smile as if to say “I am the queen already,” until her approximately three-to-five-minute speech was complete.

Cooper’s talent performance was up, and she had decided against her original act, a performance of “When You’re Good to Momma” by Queen Latifa.

The song from the Broadway motion picture “Chicago” proved to be a little more difficult than

she anticipated, but encouragement from her team and Ether convinced her to stick with it. Saturday, she will have Eastern’s Concert Band backing her up.

Cooper has to grab a large audience’s attention and make her presence known and memorable, Pettis said.

Toward the end of practice, most of the contestants rested, chatted or watched as each competitor walked onto the stage to review her act. Cooper was nowhere to be found.

She was with Pettis, practicing even more.

Between stage times, she practiced in the lobby, a conference room and anywhere there was

space.

Pageant practices are long, beginning at 6 p.m. and running until the Grand Ballroom closes its doors for the night.

Even after the official practice finished at 10:45 p.m., Cooper and her team met at McKay’s home to continue practicing.

The team worked on Cooper’s talent, changed some of the words and choreography, and worked on her African garment.

Many times Cooper would express her feelings of stress and doubt, then put on a smile and perform anyway.

“I am strong. I am proud,” Cooper said. “I am victorious. I am black. I am a woman.”



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Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Neighbor of Bulg.
- 4 Time on the job
- 8 Big name in morning TV
- 12 Joe Pesci title role
- 13 Silly
- 14 It's heard coming and going
- 16 \_\_\_ all-time high
- 17 Scary
- 19 Masked fighters
- 21 Little annoyance
- 22 Squeeze (out)
- 23 J.F.K. info
- 24 Word with show or know
- 27 Important time
- 28 "Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-\_\_\_"
- 29 1952 Gene Kelly film
- 32 In the past
- 33 \_\_\_ position
- 34 Hall-of-Famer Musial
- 35 Hoedown seats
- 38 Fellah
- 40 Going out with
- 41 Belgian river
- 42 Going nowhere fast
- 44 Chart-topper
- 45 Biblical opening
- 51 Snack, say
- 52 Title for una dama: Abbr.
- 53 Ancient royal
- 54 Grandpa Simpson
- 55 Despot of old

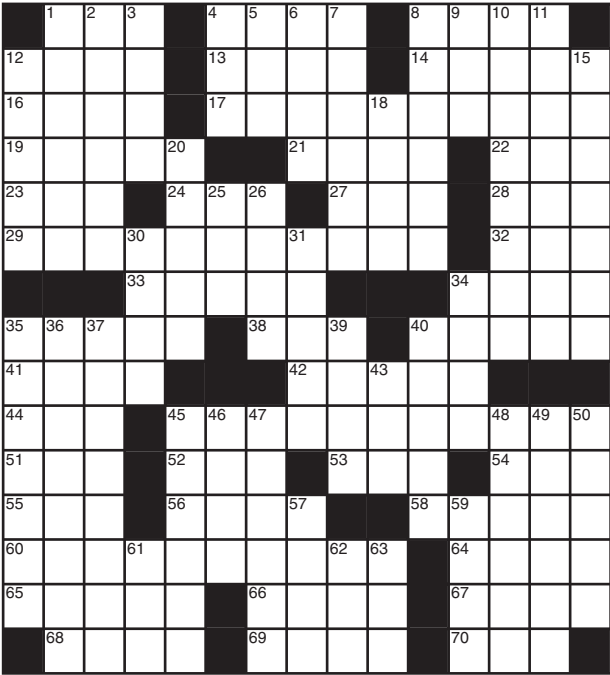
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### DOWN

- 56 Othello villain
- 58 Navarro of "Ben-Hur"
- 60 Onomatopoeic Sinatra album title
- 64 Call at a deli
- 65 Senators' attire
- 66 "What Is to Be Done?" writer
- 67 No-win situations?
- 68 Not just tehee
- 69 Classic brand with an oval logo
- 70 UFO pilots

- 1 Barker of TV/ movie fame
- 2 Painting the town red
- 3 Avian talker
- 4 Does bad
- 5 Send a message in Morse code, e.g.
- 6 Diamond unit
- 7 Many a Britney Spears fan
- 8 Keep up
- 9 Subj. in which 2x + 3 = 9 is solved
- 10 Stomach
- 11 "Not a chance, bud!"
- 12 Ones blowing in the wind



Puzzle by Kyle Mahowald

- 15 Almost eternal
- 18 Reid of "American Pie"
- 20 Has one's moment in the sun
- 25 Giant of note
- 26 "Pow!"
- 30 Read between the lines
- 31 "The Graduate" girl
- 34 Take effect
- 35 From memory
- 36 Turkey's place
- 37 Releasing one's anger
- 39 Cruise accommodations
- 40 How sweet it is!
- 43 It may accompany a coll. application
- 45 Many a news source
- 46 Practice, practice, practice
- 47 Try to knock down
- 48 "Anything your little heart desires!"
- 49 Desk sights ... or an apt title for this puzzle
- 50 Lavatory label
- 57 Poetic tributes
- 59 It's put in a pot
- 61 Tiny battery
- 62 Roadside stops
- 63 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer Marchetti

INTENSITY:

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Hustle could help ease any questions

“We’ve gone back to getting on the floor in practice and diving for loose balls,” Sallee said. “We’re working more on who we are defensively rather than who we’re playing.”

The offensive balance that was vital for the Panthers’ early-season success has disappeared lately.

With senior guard Megan Sparks and Galligan being the 1-2 punch for the Panthers’ offensive attack, Eastern has been missing the proverbial third or fourth scorer to help create balance.

“During that stretch where Sparks wasn’t scoring as much, others were stepping up,” Sallee said. “It’s something we’ve been struggling with most of the season. We just need to get our aggressiveness back.”

The one part of the Eastern attack is its ability to get to the free-throw line.

The Panthers have made more free throws than anyone in the Ohio Valley Conference.

With Jacksonville State (10-15, 8-10) short on players, this would be a good time for the Panthers’ best stat to show up.

“Even with the four-game losing streak, the Panthers will look to build on the final two home games before playing in the conference tournament.

“It’s not like we don’t know how to

TODAY’S GAME		
		
<b>Jacksonville State</b> (10-15, 8-10)	@	<b>Eastern Illinois</b> (10-16, 9-9)
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<b>Leading Scorer</b> F Rebecca Haynes 14.1 ppg		<b>Leading Scorer</b> G Megan Sparks 16.3 ppg

win,” Sallee said. “We need to go out and have a good performance. That will erase any questions.”

CORRENTI:

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Dunk contest would add spice to OVC championship

The best possible way to get this started is for the OVC coaches and/or players to take action and tell OVC commissioner Jon Steinbrecher that they want to participate in this event.

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However, with most of the athletes in the OVC having little chance of making it to the NBA, this would be their chance to shine.

So, the next time you see Brent Barry taking off from the free throw line, think of Eastern’s Jake Sinclair.

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Marc Correnti is a junior journalism major. If you would like to see someone dunk over him, tell him so at EIU3583@yahoo.com

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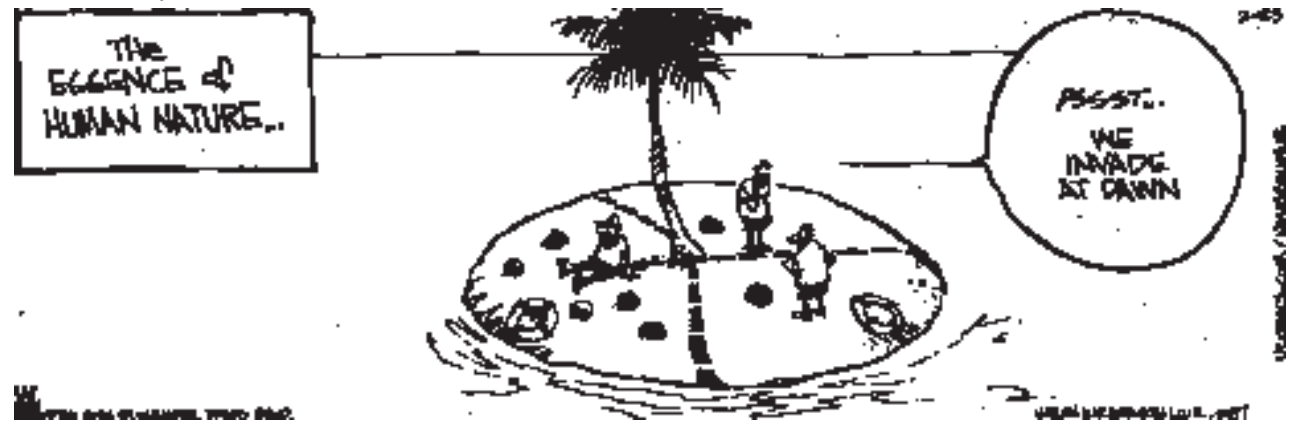
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL



**JOHN BAILEY**/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

# Tournament poses challenge to team

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

What Eastern did well was manufacture runs and play stout defense. The team committed zero errors in the four games last weekend and scored 19 runs. Head coach Kim Schuette is expecting much of

Creighton, Eastern's first opponent Friday, is coming off a 44-13 season last year, which included a school-best

Steele drove in the winning run in the Panthers' lone victory last weekend against Louisiana Tech in the seventh

The Panthers wrap up the tournament with a game against Louisiana-Monroe, the team that defeated Eastern in eight innings, 1-0, last weekend.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller stressed the importance of ending a season on a high note — both in building for the future and for sending the Panthers' two seniors, guards Josh Gomes and Jake Sinclair,

*Brief by Dan Woike*

## TODAY'S GAME



**Jacksonville State**  
(13-12, 10-8)



**Eastern Illinois**  
(6-19, 5-13)

**Last game**  
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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Panthers in search of first title

By Katie Anderson  
Staff Reporter

Head coach Mary Wallace and her team are ready for the one meet that Eastern has been preparing for all season: the Ohio Valley Conference championship in Nashville, Tenn.

The Panthers have never won the women's OVC indoor championship since its creation in 1983.

"Looking at the rankings there will be four teams, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, Eastern Kentucky, and us who will be very close," Wallace said.

Last year's conference champ was Southeast Missouri, while Eastern placed third.

Tennessee State's head coach Chandra Cheeseborough said her team's goals are "just to get out there and have a good meet."

She is expecting to see her athletes place in finals especially in the sprints and throws this weekend.

"It's going to come down to who can get the job done on the week-

"The ultimate goal is always to win."

MARY WALLACE,  
HEAD COACH

end," Wallace said.

Freshman Jessica Blondell is optimistic about the distance medley relay.

"We have a pretty solid group of girls for the DMR(distance medley relay)," she said.

Fellow distance runner and sophomore Kirsten Bosnak hopes to be able to perform and score points for the team.

"As far as the team goes, we hope to get in the top three," she said.

Wallace will be depending on her returning athletes to bring their best to the track.

"Nicole Flounders is ready to run really fast in her event," said Wallace about the junior distance runner.

Assistant coach Nate Davis, who helps with the team's jumpers, said he will also be expecting big things from his more experienced members

of the squad.

Junior Nicolene Galas will be leading the competition in pole vault going into the weekend. She currently is tied with former Eastern jumper Mary Wood for the OVC record vault of 12 feet.

The freshmen will be looked upon to produce points for Eastern this weekend as well.

Vicki Dzura, Jenna Uhe and Nicole Walcott set personal records and moved up in the rankings last week with their jumps in the triple and long jumps at the Friday Night Special in Lantz Fieldhouse.

"The jumpers are coming out on a really nice wave of improvements," Wallace said about the trio of freshman.

With times dropping, distances growing and a roster full of excited athletes the women of Eastern are in a spot to capture its first ever OVC indoor championship.

"The ultimate goal is always to win," Wallace said.

Competition starts Friday and concludes Saturday in the Gentry Center at Tennessee State.

PANTHER BRIEFS

Eastern student OVC Field "Athlete of the Year"

Jumper Obe Eruteya was honored by the Ohio Valley Conference Wednesday, taking home the field athlete of the year award.

The junior out of Chicago leads the OVC this season in the high jump (6 feet, 9 inches) and the triple jump (50-5, 1/2).

Eruteya will lead the Panthers in trying to defend their OVC title this weekend at the conference Indoor Championships at

Nashville, Tenn.

Panthers sweep OVC weekly track awards

Senior Dan Strackeljahn and junior Nicolene Galas won this week's Ohio Valley Conference male and female track and field athletes of the week, respectively.

Strackeljahn won the mile at last week's Friday Night Special at Lantz

Field House, turning in a time of 4 minutes, 8.13 seconds, the fastest-time in the OVC this year.

Galas, a pole vaulter, won at the Friday Night Special with a vault of 12 feet, the best height in the OVC this year. The height also tied a school record, set by Mary Wood last year.

Briefs compiled by Matt Daniels, associate sports editor

PADOVAN:

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Tenure a key to coach's recruiting

Six days after he was offered the job, Padovan signed and would become one of the longest tenured head coaches in all of collegiate sports.

"I never really wanted to go out to somewhere new," Padovan said. "My wife was from this area and I had a lot of contacts in here, it was a natural fit for me."

Being the new swimming coach was not the only thing that Padovan signed on for. When he was hired, it was still Eastern policy that all coaches had to teach.

Until he retired from the classroom in 2001, Padovan was a physical education teacher and also taught some swimming classes at the pool that used to be where Buzzard Hall is now.

Despite the huge time commitments required of teaching, Padovan began to form a quality program.

Former Eastern swimmer and current Lockport high school swimming coach Grant Ferkulak is in awe of what Padovan has done for the Panthers.

"He has established something there that is really incredible," he said.

Padovan has crafted a successful program without the scholarships and monetary funding other programs have.

Senior Paul Anderson thinks Padovan has contributed to his success.

"The daily interaction with coach is what really stands out," he said. "There is nothing major with my stroke that he had to change but the little things were really important.

"He was always there working with me and pushing me. When I look back on it, all those little things really added up like pieces of a puzzle."

While many times swimmers come

out of high school with the stroke and mechanics pretty much set, Padovan makes major changes in other ways.

"I came here as a butterfly swimmer," said senior Claire Garvey. "He talked me into switching into distance freestyle and I have been really successful with it."

Padovan's solid coaching combined with the outstanding teacher certification programs at Eastern have allowed for many swimmers to stay with their sport after graduation.

"I must have 20 or 30 former swimmers now coaching at the high school level," Padovan said. "One in particular coaches a club team in Texas that is one of the best in the nation."

Coach Ferkulak sees the high school coaching presence of the Panthers every day.

"Four teams (in Lockport's conference) are coached by Eastern graduates," he said. "There are so many Eastern graduates coaching in Illinois it is incredible."

Not only does the huge amount of high school coaches speak wonders about Padovan as a coach and his ability to graduate his athletes, but it also helps build his teams of the future.

"A lot of those people coaching are sending their swimmers to Eastern because of the experience they had in the program and with Ray," Ferkulak said.

Ferkulak helped in getting freshman Kevin Boyle to sign with the Panthers.


Using former swimmers to get new recruits is not the only way Padovan has brought in athletes.

In fact, junior Bill Senese's grandfather swam with Padovan at SIU.

Padovan talked with some potential recruits Monday.

"One girl I talked to, her mother had me for a swimming class when she was an Eastern student," Padovan said.

When asked if coaching children of his former swimmers makes him feel old, Padovan replied, "No, not at all. I just try to not look in the mirror."




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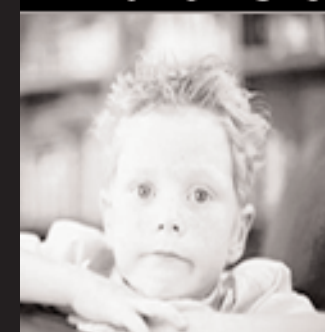
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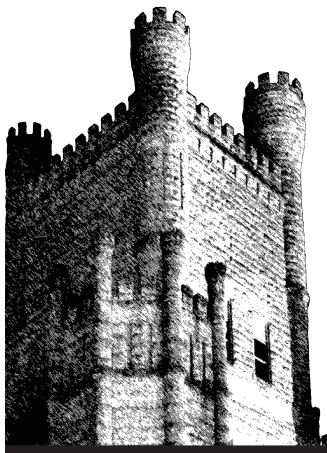
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## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

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	M-BASKETBALL VS. JACKSONVILLE St.	7:35 p.m.
FRIDAY	TRACK AND FIELD AT OVC CHAMPIONSHIPS	All Day
	W-TENNIS VS. S. DAKOTA STATE IN CEDAR FALLS, IOWA	3 p.m.
	BASEBALL VS. N. ILLINOIS AT EVANSVILLE TOURNAMENT	12 p.m.

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### THE SIXTH MAN

MARC CORRENTI  
STAFF REPORTER

## OVC dunks should be showcased

Imagine Bobby Catchings pulling a Nate Robinson and dunking over Mike Robinson.

It's probably not impossible for Catchings to complete the feat, but the fact is that there is no stage for Catchings to do it on.

I am making my pitch now, with hopes that members of the Ohio Valley Conference are listening.

There needs to be an OVC year-end dunk contest.

If you look at the NBA's All-Star weekend, the most exciting part of the whole three-day event was the slam-dunk competition.

Not only did people see the 5-foot-8-inch Nate Robinson dunk over Spud Webb, but they also saw a jaw-dropping dunk from the back of the backboard by Andre Iguodala.

The OVC needs this kind of excitement.

With only one team making the NCAA Tournament, the OVC becomes boring and dull once your team has been eliminated from postseason contention (see this year's Eastern squad).

The one way to spice it up is to create a dunk contest and rotate from school-to-school each year.

The best way to do this is qualifying among each team. The Panthers' best dunkers would most likely be Catchings and George Tandy.

Whoever advances in the "dunk-off" between the two would then advance each round.

When the final four are determined, then fans will know who the best player above the rim is.

The four likely finalists would be Catchings, Tennessee-Martin's Jared Newson, Murray State's Shawn Witherspoon and Tennessee Tech's Milone Clark.

Each has had breathtaking dunks this season and would no doubt provide the sizzle that the OVC is lacking.

It would definitely draw large crowds, with mostly students in attendance — something that is lacking in the OVC.

There probably is no possible argument from the OVC as to why you wouldn't have something like this. The only argument might be from the coaches who might fear that their star players would get hurt in a meaningless competition.

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## SWIMMING



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Swimming coach Ray Padovan hands out grade reviews during a team meeting Monday in the Lantz Natatorium lounge. Padovan is in his 40th year at Eastern.

## FORTY YEARS AND COUNTING

BY JOE WALTASTI  
STAFF REPORTER

Forty years of employment at one company is an accomplishment. Achieving that in college athletics is nearly impossible as coaches either get fired hastily or leave quickly to move on to a bigger and better school.

Eastern swimming and diving head coach Ray Padovan has done the improbable and completed his 40th year as men's coach. If it weren't for the right opportunities at the right times, it all could have happened elsewhere.

Padovan began his career as a high school swimmer in North Miami. He never really thought about what he

### Head coach Padovan begins fifth decade at Eastern's helm

would do after he graduated.

"I really had no idea what I was going to do," Padovan said. "I never thought about college until my coach told me about Southern."

Not until May of his senior season did a last-minute opportunity present itself. Southern Illinois University approached Padovan with a partial scholarship and he jumped at the chance to continue his swimming career.

His success at SIU started immediately as a freshman when he set NCAA records in the 50- and 100-

yard freestyle in 1961. His focus on swimming was so intense that the fact he was in college did not hit him until his junior year.

"After two years of taking classes and doing well," Padovan said, "I looked around and said to myself 'hey, I can graduate from this place.'"

Padovan graduated in 1964 with a physical education degree but would stick around at SIU for two more years as a graduate assistant and eventually earn a master's degree in health.

Armed with two degrees and multiple NCAA records, Padovan began his

search for his first head-coaching job.

"I took a one-year fill-in job at Eastern New Mexico University," Padovan explained. "Their head coach went on leave for a year and I stepped in for him."

In 1966 he led the Greyhounds to a second-place finish at the NAIA National Tournament.

After his one-year stint was up he was offered, and verbally agreed to take, the head-coaching job at Patterson State College in New Jersey.

He would never make the trip to New Jersey. While back at SIU for the summer he was approached for the newly opened job at Eastern Illinois.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Panthers focus on regaining lost momentum

### Four-game losing streak puts Eastern in tough position

BY MARC CORRENTI  
STAFF REPORTER

Besides getting back on the winning track, the Eastern women's basketball team is looking to regain its defensive intensity.

During the Panthers' four-game losing streak, their opponents have shot 44 percent and averaged 70.2 points per game.

"Our whole thing has been trying to get back our defensive intensity," Eastern head coach

Brady Sallee said. "We're starting to get it back, but it's taking time."

Eastern's first task of getting back its defensive intensity is facing Jacksonville State's Rebecca Haynes.

The 6-2 senior scored 30 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in an earlier 82-72 victory over the Panthers (10-16, 9-9 OVC).

"She's as good a player as we've played," Sallee said. "There's no reason to think that (Jacksonville State) won't go to her again."

The key for the Panthers to pick up their intensity is the immense number of points in the paint that Eastern has surrendered. In the four-game losing streak, Eastern has been outscored 142-66 in the points in the paint category.

Foul trouble has also plagued the Panthers

during this stretch. Freshman center Rachel Galligan remains the focal point for the Panthers' defense as she has the ability to block shots (58), but has the problem of picking up fouls in bunches.

"Rachel's biggest problem with foul trouble is her wanting to block every shot," Sallee said. "She's taken care of that the last few games."

Sallee said the easiest way for the Panthers to pick up the defensive prowess is to go back to drills Eastern worked on earlier in the season.

He believes that fundamentals are the Panthers biggest concern for the recent lapses on defense.

SEE INTENSITY PAGE 9